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Governor Hunt's Convicts

OVERNOR HUNT'S "humane" penitentiary policy in Arizona is working out just as everybody except the governor expected it to work out. The millenium has not yet arrived, hence the time is not yet here when life term prisoners can be released "on their honor" to roam about the country on vacations or private missions.

The efforts of the governor to introduce humane methods into the prisons and in the manner of guarding and caring for the prisoners are commendable and worthy, but it is a mistake to carry such reforms too far at the outset.

Take as many men as are found in any state prison and put them to work amywhere, and some of them will get tired; will quit and go away, even when they are working for wages there are always some who are dissatisfied. Convicts are certainly not better than the average man in this respect. A man who will steal a cow or a horse or murder his sweetheart or rob a house, cannot be counted upon to resist temptations too strong for men in ordinary life. When a convict gets a chance to escape, if he is in for a long term, he is going to escape, and the governor is going to kind that he has taken a large slice of responsibility upon his shoulders in standing plersonally responsible for the conduct of the prison inmates of Arizona. He first said that he would resign if one of them ran away, but he didn't do it. Now he says he will be personally responsible for the convicts, but he does not just explain in what manner.

The sooner tine state legislature removes from the governor's hands the power of opening the prison gates to convicts other than those shown to be entitled to freedom by reason of MJ health or on positive proof of innocence or in the nature of a reward for some act of heroism, the better it will be for the state and for the convict system in Arizonal

Prisons should be correctional institutions rather than institutions of punishment and disgrace, as is too often the case; the cruelties that have been brought to light in many of them have been disgraceful, but a prison cannot be converted into a miniature paradise and maurderers and thieves, locked up for the good of somety, should not be turned loose on society just because of a whim of the gov-

When the people put a criminal in prison, they put him there for a cause and the governor of the state has no right to overrule the act except for some very good reason. If the governor becomes fully satisfied that an injustice has been done, or if the prisoner by meritorious conduct shows that he ought to have a shorter term, or if by some act of heroism he deserves reward, or as is often the case, if a prisoner's health completely collapses, the governor then is performing the proper service in issuing a pardon or parole, but he is exceeding the authority which the people expect him to exercise when he promiscuously frees them for any other cause or when he sets them at liberty to mix with the people they have wronged before they have shown proof of reformation.

Mohave county, Arisons, wants to issue bolds for a new courthouse, but the state legislature has refused permision for the issue. This hardly seems in accordwith the "progressive" policy of "home rule," preached so vociferously by the Democratic legislators before election. It would seem but natural that if the people of Mohave wished to saddle themselves with a debt for a new courthouse, it is little business of the legislature. The people of Mohave evidently know whether they can afford a new courthouse or not. The legislative veto sounds pretty much like an employer telling his employe that he can't go into debt for a new home.

The rebel leaders appear very confident that they are going to hold Chihuahua for quite a period, having just sentenced Antonio Rojas to a five-year term in prison.

It has been just a year since Agua Prieta fell into rebel hands and now the rebels are shivering at the prospects of having to fight off another band of rebels. Truly, Mexico is interesting for her citizens as well as for foreigners.

The Road To Fort Bliss

N INTERESTED TAXPAYER" set forth some very logical ideas in yes- a man when terday's Herald regarding the Fort Bliss road. There seems no reason why the road should be changed from its present course. The present road can be rebuilt much cheaper-from all appearances-than any other road could be built to the fort and there is no question that it serves several times more people than would a road through any other section.

There are no homes in Manhattan Heights, while the present road runs through a large settlement of people at the base of the mesa occupied by the heights property; people who could not reach the mesa road and who would thus be denied a good driveway to the city proper if the road is routed onto the mesa. These people all live in the city limits and they built their homes in expectation that as the city grew, they would get better streets instead of poorer ones.

There are enough people living along the present Bliss road (Bliss street) to warrant its rebuilding or proper repair, to say nothing of the necessity for giving the Country club members and Fort Bliss a good road into and out of the city. If the Manhattan Heights people want a road, and they must have one before their property becomes marketable, that is another question, but the present Fort Blisa road should not be abandoned, taken away from the people who have built up the community of Northeast El Paso.

There is no apparent advantage in abandoning the present road. The new one would not be shorter, it would cross the railroad twice going to the fort, as the correspondent states; it would have a heavy grade in reaching the mesa, it would not serve any community already built up, and it would divert the traffic from a populous community, built up of substantial home owners, taxpayers and voters, to a region that the owners wish to build up.

It is hardly to be expected that the county judge and county commissioners will see their way clear to make any change in the route to Fort Bliss; it would be too great an injustice.

The Manhattan Heights owners should build their own roads and streets; that is the custom where new additions to a city are put upon the market.

H. J. Pettingill, head of the Bell telephone system in Texas, has issued a statement declaring in favor of a state commission to control telephone companies. Either the Bell phone company is a mighty good corporation and unafraid, or the general manager is still after that regulation requiring an independent company to make connections with another company for long distance conversations.

The New Mexico legislature might do much worse than reelect A. B. Fall for another term immediately.

New Mexico hasn't an army post left, now that Fort Wingate has been ordered abandoned. The chances are that New Mexico is going to make a long pull and a strong pun to get a new post somewhere. Deming is talked of as a possible site. and if hustling will get it, then Deming already has the plum hogtied.

One-Sentence Philosophy

QUARER MEDITATIONS.

It is hard for children to understand ow they can always tell the truth and

The girl who asys she has an appetite like a bird should remember that the estrich is also a bird. Some fellows are so used to expect-ing the worst of it that they are dis-appointed if they don't get it.

The time to congratulate a bride and groom is after they have lived to-gether for a year and are still happy, Blobbs—"Everything that woman has she puts on her back." Slobbs—"Well, I saw her at a ball the other night and she didn't seem to have much."

(Philadelphis Record.)

He who laughs best has the laugh on the other fellow.

Man is made of dust, and he is glways out after more.

All the world's a stage, and most of us want to be critics.

Many a man has made friends by keeping his advice to himself.

oyster is due to its proclivities for silence.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.
(Chicago News.)

Coid treatment often kindles a flame of resentment.

Theory sione never accomplished anything worth while.
Many a brave man has lost his nerve in a dentist's chair.

There are a few things that eren a young man deesn't know.

An optimist is a man who knows that his troubles might be worse.

A man isn't necessarily worthless because his neighbor is worth more.

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UNCLE WALT'S DENATURED POEM

The Rooster By Walt Mason.

I wonder why the rooster throws such fervor into his tooting? At dawn he breaks up my repose and sends sleep callyhooting. I lie and listen to his noise, and wonder, while I'm waiting, what sort of weird ecstatic joys the rooster's celebrating. To me his humble journey seems not worth a prune or prism; what hope inspires him as he screams? Why all his optimism? Oh, I can understand a dog that howls his hideous dirges through all the midnight murk and fog; like me, he just insurges. He sees so much of ill and wrong, so much of woe and sorrow, he must uplift his grewsome song, and hope he'll die tomorrow. I sympathize with those who howl, with all things sad and brooding, the dog, the raven and the owl, penned in a world deluding. But ah, I cannot understand the rooster's joyous carol, in anthem in a somber land that has grief by the barrel! He lives in dark and gloomy pens, where biddy clucks and hatches; his life is spent with silly hens for whom he digs and scratches. To earn his harem's daily bread he's busy as a weaver; and then at last his silly head is whacked off with a cleaver. The rooster should a cavern seek, a hermit life pursuing; why give a loud, triumphant shriek when there is nothing doing?

The Ghostly Gull

(By Walter H. Holten.)

The Herald's Daily Short Story

Down at the end of the docks beyond the custom house you come to two or three derelicts of the ocean ferries. They may be old and useless, but as there is a certain amount of value attached to them, an old watchman takes them in his cafe.

"The Dayo heard it comin" and the ocean ferries. They may he old and useless, but as there is a certain amount of value attached to them, an old watchman takes them in his cafe keeping; an old, shriveled up little sea-man he is, a fit priest for his sacred trust.

He would shake his head over them

"We were runnin' north, when the old man looked round and spotted that Dago.

"Here ye blamed greaser, let's see what a sallorman ye are. Get up on them main ryals, he shouted.

"He went up 'em like a cat, he waltred along the yard like a Stepney orphan, an' peered down on us.

"Muy bueno,' capitan," he shouted.

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"he shrugged his shoulders an' lit a cigaret.

"Bueno: said he, if he had come back he would have only been hanged for kniffn' a shipmate over monte."

Sammy paused and eyed the busiling guils along the brig's rail as he packed his pipe afresh.

"You see that Dago couldn't get away from him, by; his mate just follered him down," he said, in a tone of finality.

"The Dago beard it comin' and shrieked like a girl, it just missed him an' went swingin' by, an' he came down the rowal it a run as took every bit of kin outer the paim o' his hands, the black fear in his face.

"He didn't come up for two days, but when he did that bird was wattin' for him on one o' the yards. It came

How Old Was Methuselah? Haskin's Idea Is Combated By Bible Student

Your paper from the pen of Fred J. Haskin, wherein he advanced the theory, "without a word in support of or opposition to," that Methuseish was but 78 2-4 years old, instead of 969 years, as recorded in the Bible.

Now I have always been and still am a firm believer that every statement made in the Bible can be relied upon to be correct, if we but have the right key to the scriptures. (However, not the one by by Mary Baker Eddy.)

Never having been able to reconcile the statement made in Genesis 6.6. "His days shall be an hundred and twenty

the statement made in Genesis 6.6, "First days shall be an hundred and twenty years" with the 969 years of Methuselah, the statement of Mr. Haskin pleased me mightly but being given to proving all things, I found to my sorrow that this theory of the lunar month being the year of those early times wouldn't stand water (of the deluge). In Genesis VII:11 we find that "In the 600th year of Noah's life, in the sec-

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Not long since I read an article in the flood began. In the 34th verse of the same chapter we find, "And the the same chapter we find, "And the waters prevailed upon the carth an hundred and fifty days." Chapter VIII:2-4, "And after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters abated, and the ark rested in the seventh month on the 17th day of the month month on the 17th day of the month month way the mountains of Ararat." month upon the mountains of Argrat."
From these references it can be seen that there was 150 days from the sec-ond month, 17th day, to the seventh month, 17th day, or five months of

I have lately come to think that the 10 patriarchs mentioned in the Bible as having lived hundreds of years, may have been dynasties instead, as the of these years (something about 8 with the Chaldean and Egyptian rec-ords than the statement of the Bible taken literally. However, this theory also has its weak places, and I am still in doubt as to the age of Methuselah

The Scintillating Days Are Here; Of Balmy Days and Black Bock Beer

What Is So Rare as a Day in April in El Paso; No Slush, Where Air Is Pure and Sunshine Glorious? By TIMOTHY TURNER.

"Spring, with the cuckoo sob deep in | ing of wandering, and the Sunday afhis throat, O'er all the land his thrilling whispers float. Old earth believes his ancient lies once And runs to meet him in a golden

HE scintillating days have come, the gladest of the year, of grassy park, of sunny street, of ice ream and book beer.

Spring, the cupid of the seasons, has hit El Paso, long before it really him Oshkosh or Pawnee. Spring, eason of light thoughts and light underweat. Gayly the new straw sallor talls over

ingly alive with autos, and some bug-gles that have seen better days are tled on to old Dobbin that Charles and Clarice may ride down the long pike where the mistletoe tre hangs over-

icad, El Pasos' Spring Not Bad.

All in all, apring in El Paso is not such a bad business, even if all the winter is more or less springy. Those winter is more or less springy. Those who come from back east, where spring buds a burden of bloom all of a sudden, feel just the same here, that the snows of winter and the sloppy weather of an eastern April are done for, and that lazy summer is coming, that sweet spring is here.

But best of all, April in El Paso is as a day in June elsewhere, and what is so rare as a day in April—in El Paso?

WATER GAS, DEADLY BUT THE BEST, IS GROWING IN COMMERCIAL USE

Despite Growing Demand for Electricity, Gas for Illuminating and Cooking Increases In Popularity.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

Jacksonville. Fla., April 18.—Members of the Southern Gas association, which meets for its fourth annual convention at Jacksonville this week, are keeping fully abreast of the times in considering subjects dealing with the newer developments of gas with relation to its value as a public utility. Sa a commercial product and the latest ideas regarding lits manufacture and the uses to which it is being put. The fact that this year terminates the century which has elapsed since the introduction of gas for lighting purposes was first agitated in the United States, renders the consideration of its numerous uses and their extension of especial value at present. women and especial efforts are being jut forth to interest the women in towns where gas is compactively a new thing. In a small town in the middle west, where the gas company recently became organized under new management, one of the first efforts of the men in charge was to secure the co-operation of the superintendent of schools in the establishment of a domestic science class for the girls above the fifth grade. The gas company provided a room and paid a teacher and each day in the week a different class of girls was given instruction in cooking upon a model gas range. Many gas companies now co-operate with the domestic science classes of the women's clubs to the advantage of both. The gas companies will furnish a cooking teacher and the necessary appliances and in return the women will endeavor to utilize gas as fuel wherever possible. The introduction of paper bag cooking as a part of the demonstration of gas ranges has been one of the new ideas put into effect by a number of progressive gas corporations in different parts of the country.

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In 1503 gas filuminations were first exhibited in the Lyceum in London under the direction of a man named Winsor who was so enthusiastic over the new discovery that he promised every one investing five pounds sterifing in the promotion of the new enterprise a return of 500 pounds. He urged the government to take it up as a means of paying off the Englism national debt as well as of securing a large revenue to the nation. Chiefly as a result of his enthusiasm, the sum of 156,000 was raised and the National Light and Heat company formed in 1819 under a charter of parliament. This company first lighted Pall Mali and afterward can ited the gas service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital and afterward can ited the gas service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital and afterward can ited the gas service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton a numital service to all parts of London. Mr. Winton and afterward can item to take it up as a result of his entities over the like with the work and the water a cooki appliant with the winton of the new enterprise a cooki appliant with the with the the well as a cooki appliant with the win Rivalry Between Gas and Electricity.

The rivalry between gas and electricity is a some places than others, but as yet the cost of electric appliances for cooking, ironing and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than for the same applicable and the like is higher than the like is higher appliances designed for use with gas, even when the cost of electricity and gas seems about equal. It is estimated that the relative cost of gas and elec-

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Water gas is being used more large-ly each year for Huminating purposes, especially in the United States. Water gas has the peculiarity of being abrather dangerous since many deaths have resulted from its unconscious in-halation. Burned in the usual way, it gives a blue flume of high heating gives a blue flame of high heating power, but for illumination it is blought into contact with a comb composed of thin magnessum rods, the fliaments of which are beated by the flame to a white heat, thus producing a bright glow of high illuminating power, which is coming into growing popularity for lighting purposes. Water gas is produced by passing steam through incandescent carbon. Besice being used for illumination it is used extensively for heating and welding purposes in metallurgy. As water gas is comparatively a recent discovery, its full capabilities are as yet unknown, although at a recent meeting should be adopted in Texas. Some live-ly argument is expected, since the girls will take the affirmative.

It will be the third annual debate sequences, it was one of the subjects receiving most attention. The removal of tar is one of the difficultias, connected with the manufacture of water gas. The candle power results obtained depend largely upon the obtained depend largely upon the manner in which this is accomplished. In New Haven, Cohn., there is a water gas plant which has recently been put into operation with satisfactory results.

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It will be the third annual debate to detect it to be held to secure funds to send the debators representing the local high school to compete for the state debate will be now holds. The state debate will be held May 3 at Austin.

The El Paso Social club gave a well attended dance at the courthouse last night, and there was also a dance at the courthouse last night, and there was also a dance at the following the local between the boys and girls of the sector funds to send the debate is to be held to secure funds to send the debate of the state debate will be negatives won in the debate to decide whether mathematics or history were the more important study.

orwithstanding the growing popu-Notwithstanding the growing popularity of electricity in many localities, there is still an increasing demand for gas throughout the country and no town considers itself properly equipped without its gas works. Like most public utilities gas companies have frequently exceeded their rights and given cause for complaint, so that in many places the demand for public public public public will be considered at the Jacksonville meeting. The number of state commissions for the control of public utilities are increasing and progressive gas men are in many instances advocating public regulation and are encouraging their consumers to advance in this direction.

Candle Power Measurement Passes.
From the beginning of the gas industry. Its test of efficiency has been measured by candle power and only recently has full recognition been taken of its caloric value. When gas was of the simple type and was used only for illumination as a luminous diame a great deal of time and money was wasted in trying to determine what is "candle power." With the multiplication of the types of gas, the multiplication of the simple flame, the candle power measurement is a thing of the past with the gas manufacturers themselves, although it laster he visited New Orleans with Gen. Packenham and received so sizzling a resulting of the public.

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One of the matters now most important is the heating power and several instruments for testing the heat qualities of gas have recently been perfected. It was formerly supposed that the higher the candle power, the greater the heat, but this idea has been proved to be erroneous. Some gas has a high heat power and low candle power, and others may have great filuminating value but give unsatisfactory heat results. It is now generally conceded that heat unit value is a better gauge than anything else. It is the heat power that is wanted in the cook stove and it is also the heat that is wanted in the mantel hurner because it is the heat generat. two steamships, provisions for three two steamships, provisions for three and in contact with the filament which makes the light, so that more light is produced out of a high hear value than a low one. There are several cit-

Many Appliances For Using Gas.

Abe Martin



Next t' playin' checkers th' hardest thing our pustmasters have t' do is select our presidents. You kin allus tell a devotee o' th' nickel the-ater by th' dent in his hat.

ANOTHER GOOD RESOLUTIONS VIC-

He ran to catch a trolley car,
But was, of course, too late,
He was so near and yet so far
For all his speedy gait.
And as the street car disappeared
He madly shook his fist, And through his wildly wagging beard These syllables he hissed: "My Goodness!"

He walked along the icy street
And suddenly he slipped;
He tried to stay upon his feet,
He jerked and bent and dipped.
Then with a sudden, awful scoot
He gave it up and fell;
And as he rose, with one loud hoot,
He gave this wicked yell;
"Good Gracious!"

He tried to drive a little nail.

The hammer whacked his thumb;
With sudden pain his face grew pale,
His elbow, too, grew numb.
He lammed the hammer to the floor
And danced in agones,
The while with angulah in his roar
These gentle words said he:
"Well, Well!"

His hat blew off into the mud
And rolled along the walk;
A flash of hotness filled his blood
And he began to talk.
He stood there, looking at his hat
And stamped it, crown and brim,
Until 'twas mashed entirely flat,
While these words came from him:
"Mercy me!"
—Chicago Post

Years Ago To-From The Horald Of This Date 1898

-Chicago Post,

Mrs. N. S. Good is visiting her parents in Dallas, Texas. Dr. A. E. Brown secured a building today to erect a \$3700 home on state hoard.

Homer Faulkuer, formerly of Plainview, but now a missionary in China,
has written to his parents that he was
recently married to a young woman

Magoffin avenue.

The busiest man in this part of the country today is the quartermaster surgeant at Fort Bliss.

Engineer Campbell's force of the S. P. completed well number 3 at the new properties station today. recently married to a young woman missionary from America.
The returns of the election held for county school trustees were carrassed by the commissioners' court and the following were found to be elected: Precinct 1, S. S. Sioneker; precinct 2, A. S. J. Martin: precinct 3, C. W. Brown; precinct 4, H. R. Tarwater; at large, C. C.

P. completed well number 3 at the new pumping station today.

The seasons seem to be changing and April is becoming a rainy month in El Paso instead of June and July.

Gen Neison A. Miles left Washington for Atlanta, Gs., today to head the army which is being mobilized there.

Rev. G. M. Dubois will build a \$2500 residence on North Campbell street, between Rio Grande and Montana streets.

The 18th infantry, stationed at Fort Bliss, has been ordered to New Orleans. Col. David D. Van Valzah is in command. The El Paso Building company today sold lots 2 and 10 in block 227, Campbell's addition, to T. W. Fahrenkamp

Sir John Franklin

By GEORGE FITCH. Author of "At Good Old Siwash"

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at the time, but was destined later to-

BOYS AND GIRLS TO

The boys and girls of the El Paso sh school will hold a debate Friday

night at eight oclock on the resoluti

visited America by way of Hudson's

two steamships, provisions for three

England that something had happened to of civilization with a sextant in his hand. The value of gas in domestic economy is of growing importance and each week adds to the number of gas appliances being placed upon the mar-

N this date in 1786, John Franklin John over the unending snow drifts of was born in England of well-to-do | the polar desolation and finally in 1872 parents. The event made no stir his body was discovered in the midst of a 100,000 square mile snow field and was



than a low one. There are several cittles in the United States which have recognized this to the extent of fixing been received from the explorer, there began to be a suspicion in the distribution of the extent of fixing cards having been received from the explorer. There began to be a suspicion in the distribution of the extent of the card of five years, no souvenir income and a 1000 h. p. pull in politics to die in a snowdrift 3000 miles north